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1. The Viitorul Shipyard is situated between the Danube River and Strada Furtuna in Braila. Still under construction in the fall of 1951 were minesweepers [redacted] prior to 1950. the aforementioned minesweepers [redacted] 25X1
2. The minesweeper [redacted] was completed and turned over to the Rumanian Navy on 15 September 1951. [redacted] will be completed by late November 1951. [redacted] were lacking one of the two boilers and the propeller shafts. The completion date for these is not known. 25X1
3. The armament on the completed ships consists of two 88 mm. guns of Soviet manufacture; four 37 or 47 mm. rapid firing antiaircraft guns probably of German manufacture; and four machine guns.
4. The crew is estimated at 100 officers and men.
5. The ships are equipped with special dual fire extinguishing units operated by opening valves at the bottom level (sic) and by spraying from above (sic). The latter type, (which was probably a sprinkler system) was found only in the magazines.
6. [redacted] the ships are capable of 28 kilometers per hour. 25X1
7. The engines, each 600 hp., drive two propellers; they were originally designed for turbines, but were later transferred to triple expansion steam engines.
8. The Viitorul shipyard also constructed a motor launch which was tested in July 1951 and found unsatisfactory. The craft has three 600 hp. engines of [redacted] manufacture. Since that time, all the steel had been stripped from the motor launch and replaced with aluminum. The launch has two torpedo tubes and two small rapid-fire machine guns. 25X1
9. In May 1951, a recruitment drive for nurses was begun at the Viitorul shipyards.

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10. The Braila Power Plant is being enlarged; a new building in the same yard is almost completed. Braila's electricity needs have been supplemented by current being brought in from Galati. The source is the dam which lies between Braila and Galati and which was completed in the spring of 1951. The dam is also designed to prevent the Danube River from overflowing its banks.
11. In July 1951, posters were affixed to walls throughout the city and in all factories calling upon the populace to prepare their homes and to have pickaxes, buckets and sand in the event of air attacks. During the same months, first aid courses were instituted at the local fire stations.

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